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Application of: Chen, *et al.*

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR FLOW-THROUGH
HYBRIDIZATION

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed June 8, 2000 in connection with the above-captioned Application. Reconsideration of the Claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully requested. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Claims as pending after entry of this Amendment, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Also accompanying this Amendment are Exhibit B (pages 1208 and 1209 of the Aldrich Handbook of Fine Chemicals), Exhibit C (pages 81, 82, 93, 94, 105 and 106 of "Nucleic Acid Hybridisation" B.D. Hames and S.J. Higgins (eds.) IRL Press Limited, 1985) and six sheets of formal Drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 10, 34 and 67 as follows:

10. (Amended twice) The flow-through device of Claim 1, 57, 58, 59 or 60 in which said porous substrate is composed of high density or ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene.